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1. UNIDO CENTRE FOR INDUSTRIAL STUDIES UNDER AFIFI HAS NOW TAKEN OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR ORGANIZING UNIDO SECTORAL AND OTHER TECHNICAL MEETINGS PREVIOUSLY VESTED IN THE SUBSTANTIVE DIVISIONS WHICH WERE THE PREDECESSORS OF THE PRESENT DIVISION OF INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS.

2. THERE IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 1976 AT THE HAUGE A MAJOR SECTORAL MEETING ON FERTILIZERS, HITHERTO ENVISAGED AS THE THIRD WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON FETILIZERS. (THE SECOND SYMPOSIUM WAS HELD AT KIEV AND NEW DELHI IN SEPT.-OCT. 1971). TO ASSIST IN PREPARATIONS FOR THE MEETING AFIFI HAS RETAINED AMERICAN NATIONAL PROFESSOR RAYMOND EWELL, WHO ASSISTED UNIDO IN ORGANIZING THE SECOND SYMPOSIUM.

3. WE HAD FIRST MEETING WITH EWELL LAST WEEK WHO TELLS US THAT AFIFI CONCEIVES OF THE HAGUE MEETING AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ORGANIZE THE FIRST
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GLOBAL SECTORAL CONSULTATION ON A MAJOR INDUSTRY IN

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FOLLOW UP OF THE LIMA CONFERENCE AND SS-7.
EWELL HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO PREPARE AS THE BASIC
BACKGROUND DOCUMENT FOR THE MEETING A WORLDWIDE
STUDY ON THE FERTILIZER PRODUCTION INDUSTRY, INCLUDING
PROJECTIONS OF DEMAND AND SUPPLY, ANTICIPATED GEOGRAPHIC
PATTERS OF FERTILIZER PRODUCTION, TRADE TRENDS, PLANNED
INVESTMENT, ETC., CARRYING THESE PROJECTIONS WHERE
POSSIBLE UP TO THE YEAR 2000 WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING
WHAT ACTION, IF ANY, MAY BE REQUIRED TO ASSURE A
SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE PROPORTION
OF GLOBAL FERTILIZER PRODUCTION ACCOUNTED FOR BY
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. EWELL WILL DRAW ON AVAILABLE
SOURCES OF INFORMATION SUCH AS MATERIALS DEVELOPED BY THE
UNIDO/FAO/IBRD WORKING GROUP ON FERTILIZERS. ACCORDING TO
EWELL, AFIFI ENVISAGES THE HAGUE MEETING AS NOT ONLY
A CONSULTATION ON SUCH DATA BUT A "DECISION MAKING"
MEETING LOOKING TO "REDEPLOYMENT" OF THE FERTILIZER
INDUSTRY AS NECESSARY.

4. COMMENT: WE AGREED TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH
WITH EWELL AS THIS PROJECT DEVELOPS. MEETING COULD
BE A PILOT "CASE STUDY" OF HOW TO ORGANIZE SECTORAL
CONSULTATIONS AND AS SUCH SHOULD PERHAPS NOT BE
LEFT SOLELY IN THE SECRETARIAT'S HANDS TO ORGANIZE
BUT SHOULD BE LOOKED AT IN CONNECTION WITH THE GENERAL
DISCUSSION OF HOW TO ORGANIZE AN INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM
OF CONSULTATIONS SCHEDULED FOR IDB-X.STIBRAVY

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